

the portions corresponding to the drain electrode, the portions of the storage line 900 except for the portions overlapping the data line 600, the gate pad 220, the data pad 630 and the previous gate line 200, and the ITO layer 800 is patterned to form the gate ITO layer 820 and the data ITO layer 830 in FIGS. 1, 3 and 4.

In this embodiment, two exposing steps may be exchanged.

On the other hand, a storage ITO layer 840 shown in FIG. 1 is formed of the same layer as the gate ITO layer 820 and the data ITO layer 830.

Here, if the capacitance due to the overlap of the pixel electrode 810 and the previous gate line 200 is sufficient, it is not necessary to form the storage wire 900 and 910, and the storage electrode 640. Instead of forming the storage electrode 640 near the center of the pixel region, the storage electrode connected to the pixel electrode may be located between the previous gate line and the pixel electrode. This structure will be described.

FIG. 11 is layout view of the TFT substrate for the LCD according to the second of the present invention, and FIG. 12 is cross-sectional view taken along the line XII—XII in FIG. 10.

Most of a structure is the same as the structure of FIGS. 1 and 2, but a storage wire is omitted. A storage electrode 640 is formed on a gate insulating layer 300 over a previous gate line 200 and connected to a pixel electrode 810 through a contact hole 750 in the passivation layer 700.

Here, the structure of a gate pad and a data pad may be the same as the structure of FIGS. 3 and 4.

Accordingly, pixel defects are reduced for using the negative photoresist, and accordingly the quality of the LCD is improved. Because the pixel electrode and the data line are self-aligned to obtain the maximum aperture ratio, and to reduce the parasitic capacitance. Therefore, the thickness of the insulating layer is reduced and the sufficient storage capacitance is obtained. At this time, though a stepper is used, because the parasitic capacitance is uniform in the whole substrate, therefore the stitch defect is reduced.

What is claimed is:

1. A manufacturing method of a thin film transistor (TFT) for a liquid crystal display comprising the steps of:
 - preparing a transparent substrate having a first and a second surfaces opposite each other;
 - forming a gate wire including a plurality of gate lines and a gate electrode connected to one of the gate lines, a channel layer located at a position corresponding to the gate electrode, a gate insulating layer between the channel layer and the gate electrode, and a data wire which includes a plurality of data lines defining a pixel region enclosed by the gate lines and the data lines, a source electrode connected to one of the data lines and the channel layer, and a drain electrode connected to the channel layer and separated from the source electrode on the first surface of the substrate;
 - depositing a passivation layer over the first surface of the substrate;
 - depositing a passivation layer to form a first contact hole exposing a portion of the drain electrode;
 - depositing a transparent conductive layer;
 - coating a negative photoresist on the transparent conductive layer;
 - front exposing the negative photoresist by irradiating light from the first surface of the substrate using a first mask having first openings at positions corresponding to the first contact hole and the pixel region;

developing the negative photoresist; and

etching the transparent conductive layer by using the negative photoresist as an etch mask to form a pixel electrode connected to the drain electrode via the first contact hole.

2. The manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein the gate wire further includes a plurality of gate pads connected to the respective gate lines and formed outside the pixel regions, and the data wire further includes a plurality of data pads connected to the respective data lines and formed outside the pixel regions.

the method further comprising the step of forming second contact holes and third contact holes exposing the gate pads and the data pads, respectively, and wherein the first mask has second openings at positions corresponding to the second contact holes and the third contact holes.

3. The manufacturing method of claim 1, further comprising the step of forming a storage wire which includes a storage line parallel to the gate lines and a storage pad connected to the storage line.

4. The manufacturing method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

- forming a storage electrode overlapping the storage line via the gate insulating layer; and

- forming a second contact hole exposing the storage electrode in the passivation layer.

wherein the pixel electrode is connected to the storage electrode through the second contact hole.

5. The manufacturing method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- forming a storage electrode overlapping one of the gate lines via the gate insulating layer; and

- forming a second contact hole exposing the storage electrode in the passivation layer.

wherein the pixel electrode is connected to the storage electrode through the second contact hole, and the first mask has a second opening at a position corresponding to the second contact hole.

6. A manufacturing method of a thin film transistor (TFT) for a liquid crystal display comprising the steps of:

- preparing a transparent substrate a first and a second surfaces opposite each other;

- forming a gate wire including a plurality of gate lines and a gate electrode connected to one of the gate lines, a channel layer located at a position corresponding to the gate electrode, a gate insulating layer between the channel layer and the gate electrode, and a data wire which includes a plurality of data lines defining a pixel region enclosed by the gate lines and the data lines, a source electrode connected to one of the data lines and the channel layer, and a drain electrode connected to the channel layer and separated from the source electrode on the first surface of the substrate;

- depositing a passivation layer over the first surface of the substrate;

- depositing a passivation layer to form a first contact hole exposing a portion of the drain electrode;

- depositing a transparent conductive layer;
- coating a negative photoresist on the transparent conductive layer;

- rear exposing the negative photoresist by irradiating light from the second surface of the substrate;

- front exposing the negative photoresist by irradiating light from the first surface of the substrate and using a first

mask having a first opening at positions corresponding to the first contact hole;

developing the negative photoresist; and

etching the transparent conductive layer by using the negative photoresist as an etch mask to form a pixel electrode connected to the drain electrode via the first contact hole.

7. The manufacturing method of claim 6, wherein the gate wire further includes a plurality of gate pads connected to the respective gate lines and formed outside the pixel regions, and the data wire further includes a plurality of data pads connected to the respective data lines and formed outside the pixel regions.

the method further comprising the step of forming second contact holes and third contact holes exposing the gate pads and the data pads, respectively, and

wherein portions of the negative photoresist outside the pixel regions are not exposed to light in the rear exposing step, and the first mask has second openings at positions corresponding to the second contact holes and the third contact holes.

8. The manufacturing method of claim 6, wherein the gate wire further includes a plurality of gate pads connected to the respective gate lines and formed outside the pixel regions, and the data wire further includes a plurality of data pads connected to the respective data lines and formed outside the pixel regions.

the method further comprising the steps of:

forming second contact holes and third contact holes exposing the gate pads and the data pads, respectively,

wherein, portions of the negative photoresist outside the pixel regions are exposed to light in the rear exposing step, the first mask has second openings at positions corresponding to the second contact holes and the third contact holes, a first transparent conductive pattern separated from the pixel electrode and placed outside the pixel regions is formed in the etching step, and

removing the negative photoresist;

coating a positive photoresist on the first transparent conductive pattern, the pixel electrode and the passivation layer;

front exposing the positive photoresist by using a second mask having a pattern covering portions of the positive photoresist on the pixel regions, the second contact hole and the third contact hole;

developing the positive photoresist; and

etching the first transparent conductive pattern and the pixel electrode by using the positive photoresist as an etch mask.

9. The manufacturing method of claim 8, wherein the second mask has third openings on the gate lines and the data lines.

10. The manufacturing method of claim 6, further comprising the step of forming a storage wire on the substrate, the storage wire including a storage line parallel to the gate line and a storage pad connected to the storage line and partially overlapping the data line via the gate insulating layer on the substrate,

wherein the first mask has a pattern covering a portion of the storage line overlapping the data line.

11. The manufacturing method of claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

forming a storage electrode overlapping the storage line via the gate insulating layer; and

forming a second contact hole exposing the storage electrode in the passivation layer,

wherein the pixel electrode is connected to the storage electrode through the second contact hole.

12. The manufacturing method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

forming a storage electrode overlapping the gate line via the gate insulating layer; and

forming a second contact hole exposing the storage electrode in the passivation layer,

wherein the pixel electrode is connected to the storage electrode through the second contact hole, and the first mask has a second opening at a position corresponding to the second contact hole.

* * * * *

13. A liquid crystal display comprising:

an insulating substrate;

a gate wire and a data wire insulated from each other over the substrate, the gate wire including pluralities of gate lines and gate pads, and the data wire including pluralities of data lines and data pads;

a plurality of thin film transistors, each having a drain electrode and a source electrode electrically connected to the data line;

a passivation layer covering the gate wire, the data wire and the thin film transistors and having first, second and third contact holes which expose the gate pad, the data pad and the drain electrode at least in part, respectively;

a pixel electrode on the passivation film, the pixel electrode connected to the drain electrode through the third contact hole and overlapping at least a part of the data lines adjacent to the pixel electrode;

a first conductor on the passivation film, the first conductor connected to the gate pad through the first contact hole; and

a second conductor on the passivation film, the second conductor connected to the data pad through the second contact hole.

14. The liquid crystal display of claim 13, wherein the pixel electrode overlaps at least a part of the gate lines adjacent to the pixel electrode.

15. The liquid crystal display of claim 14, wherein all edges of the pixel electrode overlap the gate lines or the data lines adjacent to the pixel electrode.

16. The liquid crystal display of claim 13, wherein at least an overlapping portion between the pixel electrode and the gate lines has larger width than other overlapping portions between the pixel electrode and the gate lines or the data lines.

17. The liquid crystal display of claim 13, wherein the first and the second conductors and the pixel electrode comprise the same material.

18. The liquid crystal display of claim 17, wherein the pixel electrode comprises a transparent conducting material.

19. The liquid crystal display of claim 17, wherein the pixel electrode comprises ITO.

20. The liquid crystal display of claim 13, further comprising a storage electrode electrically connected to the pixel electrode, the storage electrode including a layer different from the pixel electrode and serving as a terminal of a storage capacitor.

21. The liquid crystal display of claim 20, further comprising a storage line insulated from the storage electrode and overlapping the storage electrode to form another terminal of the storage capacitor.

22. The liquid crystal display of claim 21, wherein the storage electrode has width smaller than width of the storage line.

30. A liquid crystal display comprising:

an insulating substrate;

pluralities of gate lines and data lines insulated from each other over the substrate;

a plurality of thin film transistors, each having a drain electrode and a source electrode electrically connected to the data line;

a passivation layer covering the gate lines, the data lines and the thin film transistors, the passivation layer having a first contact hole which expose the drain electrode at least in part;

a pixel electrode on the passivation film, the pixel electrode connected to the drain electrode through the first contact hole, overlapping a part of the data lines adjacent to the pixel electrode; and

a first conductor including a layer different from the pixel electrode, electrically connected to the pixel electrode and serving as a terminal of a storage capacitor.

31. The liquid crystal display of claim 30, further comprising a second conductor insulated from the first conductor and overlapping the first conductor to form another terminal of the storage capacitor.

32. The liquid crystal display of claim 31, wherein the first conductor has width smaller than width of the second conductor.

33. The liquid crystal display of claim 31, wherein the second conductor and the gate lines comprise the same material.

34. The liquid crystal display of claim 30, wherein the first conductor and the data lines comprise the same material.

35. The liquid crystal display of claim 34, wherein the passivation layer further has a second contact hole exposing the first conductor, and the first conductor is connected to the pixel electrode through the second contact hole.

36. The liquid crystal display of claim 30, wherein the pixel electrode overlaps at least a part of the gate lines adjacent to the pixel electrode.

37. The liquid crystal display of claim 36, wherein all edges of the pixel electrode overlap the gate lines or the data lines adjacent to the pixel electrode.

38. The liquid crystal display of claim 30, wherein at least an overlapping portion between the pixel electrode and the gate lines has larger width than other overlapping portions between the pixel electrode and the gate lines or the data lines.

39. The liquid crystal display of claim 30, wherein the thin film transistor further comprises a gate electrode connected to the gate line, a semiconductor layer insulated from the gate electrode, and a doped semiconductor layer on the semiconductor layer, the doped semiconductor layer being in contact with the source electrode and the drain electrode.

40. The liquid crystal display of claim 39, wherein entire portions of the doped semiconductor layer directly contact the semiconductor layer.

41. The liquid crystal display of claim 39, further comprising a gate insulating layer disposed between the gate lines and the data lines.

42. The liquid crystal display of claim 41, wherein at least a part of the data lines is in direct contact with the gate insulating layer.

43. A liquid crystal display comprising:

an insulating substrate;

a gate line on the insulating substrate;

a data line on the insulating substrate;

a thin film transistor on the insulating substrate wherein the thin film transistor comprises a pair of source/drains wherein a first of the pair of source/drains is coupled to the data line;

a passivation layer on the gate line, on the data line, and on the thin film transistor so that the gate line, the data line, and the thin film transistor are between the insulating substrate and the passivation layer wherein the passivation layer has a contact hole therein exposing a portion of a second of the pair of source/drains of the thin film transistor; and

a pixel electrode on the passivation layer so that the passivation layer is between the pixel electrode and the insulating substrate wherein the pixel electrode is coupled with the second of the pair of source/drains of the thin film transistor through the contact hole in

the passivation layer and wherein the pixel electrode extends onto a portion of the data line so that the portion of the data line is between the pixel electrode extending thereon and the insulating substrate.

44. The liquid crystal display of Claim 43 wherein the thin film transistor comprises a semiconductor layer and wherein the semiconductor layer includes the pair of source/drains, the liquid crystal display further comprising:

a gate insulating layer between the semiconductor layer and the gate line.

45. The liquid crystal display of Claim 44 wherein the pixel electrode extends onto a portion of the gate line without extending across the gate line so that the portion of the gate line is between the pixel electrode extending thereon and the insulating substrate.

46. The liquid crystal display of Claim 44 wherein the gate line and the data line cross, the liquid crystal display further comprising:

an insulating layer between the gate line and the data line at the crossing thereof.

47. The liquid crystal display of Claim 46 wherein the insulating layer between the gate line and the data line and the gate insulating layer each comprise a same material and have a same thickness.

48. The liquid crystal display of Claim 47 wherein the insulating layer between the gate line and the data line and the gate insulating layer comprise a same continuous layer.

49. The liquid crystal display of Claim 43 further comprising:

a storage electrode between the insulating substrate and the passivation layer

wherein the passivation layer includes a second contact hole therein exposing a portion of the storage electrode and wherein the pixel electrode is coupled with the storage electrode through the second contact hole.

50. The liquid crystal display of Claim 49 further comprising:

a storage line between the storage electrode and the insulating substrate.

51. The liquid crystal display of Claim 50 further comprising:

an insulating layer between the storage line and the storage electrode.

52. The liquid crystal display of Claim 50 wherein the storage line is parallel to the

gate line and wherein the storage line crosses the data line wherein the storage line and the data line are electrically insulated at the crossing thereof.

53. The liquid crystal display of Claim 49 wherein the gate line is between the

storage electrode and the insulating substrate.

54. The liquid crystal display of Claim 53 further comprising:

an insulating layer between the gate line and the storage electrode.

55. The liquid crystal display of Claim 43 further comprising:

a second gate line on the insulating substrate wherein the first and second gate lines do not cross; and

a second data line on the insulating substrate wherein the first and second data lines do not cross, wherein the first and second gate lines each cross the first and second data lines, wherein the gate lines and data lines are electrically insulated at the crossings thereof, and wherein each of the first and second gate and data lines is between the passivation layer and the insulating substrate.

56.The liquid crystal display of Claim 55 wherein the pixel electrode extends onto portions of each of the first and second gate and data lines.

57.The liquid crystal display of Claim 55 wherein the pixel electrode extends onto portions of each of the first and second gate and data lines without extending across any of the first and second gate and data lines.

58.The liquid crystal display of Claim 43 where in the pixel electrode does not extend across the data line.